



Via ECFS

December 1, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, **Notice for Forbearance from Lifeline Broadband Internet Access Service Requirements**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Modernization Order* ("Order"),¹ FTC Communications, Inc. ("FTC") hereby avails itself of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") grant of forbearance from the requirement to provide broadband Internet access service ("BIAS") as a Lifeline service. FTC may, however, voluntarily decide to offer and receive reimbursement for providing Lifeline-supported BIAS in all or portions of the area in which it is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"). Pursuant to the guidance provided in Public Notice DA 16-1316,² FTC provides the following information:

ETC Name: FTC Communications, Inc. d/b/a FTC Wireless

ETC Designation Order: Application of FTC Communications, Inc. d/b/a FTC Wireless for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Pursuant to Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934, Order Designating FTC Communications, Inc. d/b/a/ FTC Wireless As An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, Docket No. 2007-193-C, Order No. 2007-805, South Carolina Public Service Commission (Issued November 13, 2007).

Type of Designation: Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carrier receiving frozen, phased-down high-cost support.

¹ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) ("*Lifeline Modernization Order*").

² Public Notice, "Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking To Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order," DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

Forbearance Area: FTC avails itself of blanket forbearance throughout the entire geographic area in which it is designated an ETC, which includes Lee, Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg, and Florence counties in South Carolina. Attachment A is an Excel document listing the 15-digit census blocks, including FIPS codes, for the areas where FTC invokes the Lifeline BIAS forbearance. FTC has made every effort to comprehensively list all census blocks where it is an ETC. In the event that any census blocks were inadvertently omitted from Attachment A, FTC reserves the right to supplement this filing to make administrative corrections to Attachment A.

Please contact our FCC counsel, Greg Whiteaker (202-600-7274) or Robin Tuttle (202-827-0667), if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Bradley Erwin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

F. Bradley Erwin
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment

cc Universal Service Administrative Company
(Via Email, TelcoLifeline@usac.org)